

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claims 4-12

4. (Twice Amended) A shaped product or structure for medical or related purposes, wherein said product or structure is formed of a coral of the species *Acropora grandis*.

5. (Twice Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, which is configured as a hardware item for medical or related purposes.

6. (Twice Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, which is configured in the form of a cylinder, sleeve, pin, screw, bolt, nut, spacer, or flat or curved plate, for medical or related purposes.

C 1 7. (Twice Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, which is configured in the form of a prosthetic or implant device.

8. (Twice Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, wherein a therapeutically active substance is adsorbed or bound onto the coral.

9. (Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, wherein the therapeutically active substance is adsorbed or bound onto the coral.

10. (Amended) A product or structure according to claim 4, wherein the therapeutically active substance is a growth factor to assist or promote bone ingrowth.

C 2 12. (Amended) A device according to claim 4, comprising first and second elongate members each of which is adapted to be fixed at one end to a long bone, the other ends of each of said first and second elongate members being externally and internally threaded so that said first member is received by said second member in a threaded inter-engagement to enable the overall length of the device to be adjusted.

13. (Amended) A device according to claim 4, further comprising an internally-threaded
third member in threaded engagement with the first member to act as a locking nut and to lock
the second member with respect to the first member at a desired overall length.
